



## COMMERCIAL ZONES

### **§5.291(051.03.16.001). Designation of Commercial Zones.**

After notice and public hearing, the commission may, where necessary, define and prescribe commercial zones, each of which shall comprise the geographical area which is adjacent to and commercially a part of an incorporated municipality. Except as to transportation of commodities in bulk in tank vehicles and except as to all specialized motor carriers, the following exemptions are provided with regard to operations within said commercial zones:

(1) Operations as a motor carrier therein may be performed without a certificate or permit authorizing same.

(2) Strictly local service wholly within any such commercial zone may be performed at rates and charges other than those prescribed by the commission.

### **§5.292 (051.03.16.002). Factors Considered by the Commission.**

In determining the necessity of the designation of an area as a commercial zone, the commission shall take into consideration its powers and duties under the motor carrier act in view of the economic conditions in each proposed or established commercial zone, and particularly the effect that unregulated transportation has had or may have upon fully regulated motor carriers operating to, from, and within such commercial zone.

### **§5.293 (051.03.16.003). Restrictions on Exemptions.**

(a) The existence of a commercial zone shall not in any manner affect the rates on shipments between places or points within the prescribed commercial zone and places or points beyond such zone.

(b) The existence of a commercial zone shall not in any manner affect the pick-up or delivery service, or both, on shipments moving between places and points within the prescribed commercial zone and places or points beyond such zone.

**§5.294. Existing Commercial Zones.**

Commercial zones defined and prescribed by the commission after notice and hearing are as follows:

- (1) The Dallas commercial zone shall include the following:
  - (A) The incorporated City of Dallas.
  - (B) The incorporated City of Fort Worth.
  - (C) The following cities and towns which are adjacent to and commercially a part of the City of Fort Worth: Haltom City, Watauga, Richland Hills, North Richland Hills, Hurst, Bedford, Colleyville, Grapevine, Euless, Arlington, Pantego, Dalworth Gardens, Kennedale, Forrest Hill, Everman, Burleson, Crowley, Edgecliff, Benbrook, Aledo, White Settlement, Westover Hills, Westworth Village, River Oaks, Sansom Park, Lake Worth Village, Lakeside, Azle, Saginaw, Mansfield, and Blue Mound.
  - (D) The following cities and towns which are adjacent to and commercially a part of the City of Dallas: Highland Park, University Park, Renner, Plano, Richardson, Buckingham, Garland, Rowlett, Mesquite, Sunnyvale, Balch Springs, Kleberg, Seagoville, Hutchins, Wilmer, Fruitdale, Lancaster, De Soto, Woodland Hills, Cedar Hill, Duncanville, Cockrell Hills, Grand Prairie, Irving, Coppell, Carrollton, Farmers Branch, Addison, and Lewisville.
  - (E) The county of Rockwall.
  - (F) The City of Wylie.
- (2) The Fort Worth commercial zone shall include the following:
  - (A) The incorporated City of Fort Worth.
  - (B) The incorporated City of Dallas.
  - (C) The following cities and towns which are adjacent to and commercially a part of the City of Dallas: Highland Park, University Park, Renner, Plano, Richardson, Buckingham, Garland, Rowlett, Mesquite, Sunnyvale, Balch Springs, Kleberg, Seagoville, Hutchins, Wilmer, Fruitdale, Lancaster, De Soto, Woodland Hills, Cedar Hill, Duncanville, Cockrell Hills, Grand Prairie, Irving, Coppell, Carrollton, Farmers Branch, Addison, and Lewisville.
  - (D) The following cities and towns which are adjacent to and commercially a part of the City of Fort Worth:

Haltom City, Watauga, Richland Hills, North Richland Hills, Hurst, Bedford, Colleyville, Grapevine, Euless, Arlington, Pantego, Dalworth Gardens, Kennedale, Forrest, Hill, Everman, Burleson, Crowley, Edgecliff, Benbrook, Aledo, White Settlement, Westover Hills, Westworth Village, River Oaks, Sansom Park, Lake Worth Village, Lakeside, Azle, Saginaw, Mansfield, and Blue Mound.

(3) The Houston commercial zone shall include the incorporated City of Houston and the following cities, towns, and areas which are adjacent to and commercially a part of the City of Houston: Spring Valley, Hedwig Village, Hunter's Creek Village, Piney Point Village, Hilshire Village, Bunker Hill Village, Bellaire, West University Place, Southside Place, Galena Park, Jacinto City, Missouri City, Pearland, Friendswood, Webster, League City, Seabrook, Shoreacres, La Porte, Lomax, Deer Park, Pasadena, South Houston, Baytown, El Lago, Taylor Lake Village, Jersey Village, Humble, and the areas lying within the channel easement and adjacent unincorporated areas bounded on the north by Interstate Highway 10, eastward to Baytown, and on the south by State Highway 225 eastward to La Porte, and the channel easement from its origin in midtown Houston to Galveston Bay; the Bayport, Clear Lake City, and NASA developments; the unincorporated area in southeast Harris County lying south of State Highway 225, north of the Harris County-Galveston line, and east of Pearland and Friendswood; Stafford; and an area embracing all points within one mile of the present location of the United States Post Office which is designated in the *United States Postal Guide* as the town of Highlands, Texas; Sugar Land, Texas City, La Marque, Hitchcock, Galveston, Manvel, Dickinson, Alvin, Katy, Tomball, and Conroe.

(4) The San Antonio commercial zone shall include the following:

(A) The incorporated City of San Antonio.

(B) The following cities, towns, military establishments, and areas which are adjacent to and commercially a part of the City of San Antonio: Balcones Heights, Castle Hills, Hill Country Estates, Olmos Park, Alamo Heights, Terrell Hills, Fort Sam Houston, Windcrest, Kirby, Brooks Air Force Base, East Kelly Air Force Base, Kelly Air Force

Base, Leon Valley, Lackland Air Force Base, Hollywood Park, Live Oak, Shavano Park, and China Grove.

(5) The Beaumont, Orange, and Port Arthur commercial zone shall include the following:

(A) The incorporated City of Beaumont.

(B) The incorporated City of Orange.

(C) The incorporated City of Port Arthur.

(D) The following cities, towns, and areas which are adjacent to and commercially a part of the City of Beaumont: the unincorporated area bounded by the corporate limits of Beaumont and a line beginning where Interstate Highway 10 crosses the southwest corporate limits of Beaumont, thence in a southwesterly direction along Interstate Highway 10 to its intersection with FM Road 365, thence in an easterly direction along FM Road 365 to the corporate limits of Port Arthur, thence in a northerly and easterly direction along the westerly and northerly corporate limits of Port Arthur, Nederland, Port Neches, to the south bank of the Nueces River thence along the south bank of the Neches River to a point where the south bank meets Beaumont city limits west of the Mobil Oil Company property across the Neches River from the corporate limits of Orange (as created by the 1960 Orange strip annexation).

(E) The following cities, towns, and areas which are adjacent to and commercially a part of the City of Orange: Pinehurst, West Orange; the unincorporated area within and surrounded by the corporated limits of Orange; and the unincorporated area north of Orange bounded on the east by the Sabine River, on the north by a county road that runs east-northeast, on the west by State Highway 87 and on the south by the corporate limits of Orange.

(F) The following cities, towns, and areas which are adjacent to and commercially a part of the City of Port Arthur: Lakeview, Pear Ridge, Griffing Park, Nederland, Port Neches, and Groves; the unincorporated area bounded by the corporate limits of Port Arthur, Nederland, Port Neches, and Orange; Port Neches; the unincorporated area within and surrounded by the corporate limits of Port Neches, Groves; the unincorporated area within and surrounded by the corporate limits of Port Arthur; and the



unincorporated area south of FM Road 365 between the corporate limits of Port Arthur and a line beginning where the west bank of Hillebrant Bayou is crossed by FM Road 365, thence along the west bank of Hillebrant Bayou to its confluence with Taylor's Bayou, thence in a southeasterly direction along the west and south banks of Taylor's Bayou, (including the whole of Gulf Oil Corporation's and Sinclair-Koppers Company's property and docks) to its confluence with the gulf intracoastal waterway, thence along the west and north banks of the gulf intracoastal waterway to the corporate limits of Port Arthur.

(6) The Corpus Christi commercial zone shall include:

(A) The incorporated City of Corpus Christi.

(B) The territory enclosed by a line beginning at the intersection of the southern boundary of Nueces County and the line of mean low tide on the gulf shoreline of Padre Island; then westward along the southern boundary of Nueces County to the first inland road at or near the Laguna Madre, at a point called Hardpan; then northerly on the road from Hardpan to its intersection with FM Road 70; then along FM Road 70 to its intersection with Highway 286 southerly to the Nueces County line; then westerly on the Nueces County line to its intersection with Petronila Creek; then northwesterly along Petronila Creek to its intersection with FM Road 70; then westerly on FM Road 70 to its intersection with FM Road 892; then northerly on FM Road 892 to its intersection with FM Road 2826; then westerly on FM Road 2826 to its intersection with FM Road 666; then northeasterly on FM Road 666 to its intersection with the municipal limits of Banquete, Texas; then westward and northward along the municipal limits of Banquete, Texas, to the Texas-Mexican Railway railroad track; then westerly on the Texas-Mexican Railway tracks to the Nueces County line; then northward and eastward along that line to the centerline of the Nueces River; then northerly and westerly (upstream) along the centerline of the bed of the Nueces River to the dam on the Nueces River impounding Lake Corpus Christi; thence to the upstream side or face of the said dam northward and eastward along the dam to the shoreline of Lake Corpus Christi; thence northwesterly with the meanders of

the said shoreline to the most distant intersection of the said shoreline with the boundary of Lake Corpus Christi State park; thence northeasterly along the northern boundary of the park; thence southwesterly along the northeastern boundary of the said park to the point where such boundary first intersects a line parallel to and 1,000 feet distant from the centerline of FM 1068; thence along such line to the city limits of Mathis; then northward and eastward along and around the Mathis city limits to the point where such city limits intersect the centerline of FM 3024; then southeastward along the Mathis city limits line to a point on such line 300 feet northwesterly of the centerline of State Highway 359 across IH 37 to a point 1,000 feet from the centerline of IH 37; then southeasterly along a line parallel to and 1,000 feet northeastward of IH 37 to the intersection of such line with a line parallel to and 300 feet northward of the centerline of FM 881; then eastward along such line parallel to and 300 feet northward of FM 881 to the western city limits of Sinton, Texas; then around the northern boundaries of the city of Sinton, to a point on the eastern side of Sinton where the city limits intersects a line parallel to and 1,000 feet distant from the centerline of U.S. Highway 181 on the northward side of said highway; then southeasterly along such line parallel to U.S. 181 to the city limits of Taft; then northeasterly and around the city limits of Taft in a clockwise direction to the intersection of the Taft city limits with a line parallel to and 1,000 feet distant from the centerline of U.S. Highway 183 on the northward side of the said Highway 181; then along said line parallel to U.S. Highway 181 to the intersection of the said line with the western city limits of Gregory, Texas; then northeasterly and clockwise around the city of Gregory to the point where the city's boundary first intersects a line parallel to and 1,000 feet distant from the centerline of State Highway 35; then northeasterly along such line parallel to but northward and westward from State Highway 35 to a point where such line intersects the city limits of Aransas Pass; then northeasterly along the city boundary to a point where it intersects the common boundary of Aransas and Nueces Counties; then continuing first northeasterly then southeasterly along the boundary of the city of Aransas Pass across State Highway 35 to the intersection of the said common boundary and the centerline of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway in Redfish Bay; then northeasterly to the most northward point of

the said centerline in Nueces County; then along the common boundary of Nueces and Aransas Counties to the point such common boundary intersects the city limits of Port Aransas; then along the northerly and easterly city limits of Port Aransas to their most southerly reach on the mean low tide line on the gulf shoreline of Mustang Island; then southward along the mean low tide line of the gulf shoreline of Mustang Island to the gulf shoreline of Padre Island, crossing the jettied channel immediately north of Mustang Island State Park by projecting the line of mean low tide as if such jetties and channels were not built; then southward along the said mean low tide line of the Gulf of Mexico on Padre Island to the point of beginning, and including all the area enclosed by the boundaries described in this subparagraph.